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DIARY NOTES

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1. Shef Edwards telephoned to say that the Office of Security had never received a Personal History Statement for [REDACTED] I advised Emmett Echols to see that he submitted one right away.

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2. Mr. [REDACTED], the Security Officer in [REDACTED], was here on TDY and came in to visit for a few minutes. He said that things were going well in [REDACTED] insofar as Support business was concerned.

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3. Emmett Echols was down to discuss a proposed reorganization in the Office of Personnel. I told him that his ideas with regard to the Benefits and Services Division sounded O.K. but that I had serious reservations in breaking up the Personnel Operations Division and wanted to discuss it further with him before he took any action in that direction.

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4. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that when one of Mr. McCone's visitors came to the building a few days ago and said that he wanted to see Mr. McCone the receptionist did not know who Mr. McCone was and asked such questions as what is his first name, how do you spell it, etc. Jack has passed this on to [REDACTED] so that corrective action could be taken.

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5. The Director has requested a tie line in [REDACTED]'s home; Jack is making his request direct to [REDACTED]

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6. [REDACTED] reported that the meeting this morning at the Bureau of the Budget on Project [REDACTED] went well and thought that the Bureau would release the funds within a day or two. He also reported that the Bureau had released the funds for Building [REDACTED] and that the President had approved of our Fiscal Year 1963 budget.

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8. There was a power failure today which lasted only about thirty minutes and came about because the 30 KW generator jammed and the engineer pulled all the switches including the main source of power. (H. S. reported on 20 December that the Public Buildings Service worked most of the night and that the 30 KW generator can now be started manually. (The part which was necessary to be replaced in order to have the generator start automatically has been ordered and should be here within a day or two.)

9. I talked to Emmett Echols about a number of items:

a. The first item was the Mid Career Program and I told him that I wanted to get together with him and Matt Baird to discuss this soon. I also told him that I wanted to discuss the supervision of the Personnel Division of the Clandestine Service with him and [REDACTED]

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b. I told Emmett that I had heard some criticism regarding the Office of Personnel for converting Staff employees to Contract employees at substantially higher salaries without their losing any benefits, such as retirement, etc.

c. I also talked to him about Civil Service status for our employees and raised the question why we didn't adopt the AEC system, whereby when AEC employees had served for one year they could be accepted on the Civil Service Register and acquire status. Emmett explained that is we agreed with this we, in turn, would have to accept people from the Register who were qualified and who were referred to us by the Commission. Therefore, I do not wish to pursue this any further.

d. We discussed placing something in the files on surplus personnel who became surplus because of the elimination of their function; i.e., the Management Staff. This was discussed at some length and Emmett convinced me that this should not be done, his argument being that none of the people who were [REDACTED] cases were supposed to be satisfactory and therefore if we differentiated between people who were surplus because a function was eliminated and others, there would automatically be a stigma attached to all others.

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10. By accident, I participated in part of a meeting that Jim Garrison was having with [REDACTED] and the architect for Building [REDACTED]. Unbeknown to the Office of Logistics, the National Photographic Interpretation Center had submitted some changes to the architect which were going to delay completion of the building by approximately two months. I decided that these changes should not be made; the contractor is out-of-pocket some money because he has already started the work. Jim and I also made it

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very clear to Chick that we were beyond the stage where NPIC could submit changes to the architect; from now on any changes would have to be requested in writing to the Office of Logistics and would have to be made in writing to the Public Buildings Service. However, Jim and I both insisted that changes be held to an absolute minimum because they meant more money and more time.

11. Mr. McCone has requested that we do some personal printing for him and send him the bill. This went from the Printing Services Division to the Comptroller to the General Counsel and then to me. I told PSD to go ahead and do this work and that we would figure out some way to bill Mr. McCone, whether it was legal or not.

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12. Jim Garrison has been doing some more thinking about his reorganization and is about to propose that [REDACTED] become the Chief of Operations. He is also highly pleased with [REDACTED] and promoted him to grade GS-15 and made him a Deputy Chief. *We provided him with a Deputy.*

13. Jim has received the routine letter from the Retirement Board. I discussed this with him and told him that my earlier decision that he would retire in August 1966 was still good.

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14. I had lunch with [REDACTED] who told me that the Attorney General and Ed [REDACTED] were not in charge of the Government operations against [REDACTED] and that Dick [REDACTED] had been designated as the focal point in CIA by Mr. McCone. He wanted me to know this so that if I had any Support problems I would know to contact him rather than someone else; also he felt he might well need considerable help. I, of course, told him that we would co-operate to the maximum.

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